and have been bad during the past few years only. Bad material was used. Rubbish was often substituted for gravel. He would suggest the expediency of having a separate Engineer for Local Fund Works. Such Engineer would be under the authority of the Deputy Commissioner and would listen to complaints more sympathetically. Mr. Garudach'a B.A., B.L., said that no fault could be attached to supervising officers nor even to the Rules in accordance with which road work is carried out. The Rules are sufficient and provide for all details of construction, such as the size of metal to be used, lengths of road to be repaired at a time, &c. The rules only required to be carefully carried out. Separate officers for Local Fund works alone are not required. They would cost high, or for small pay only an inferior class of men can be obtained. The better plan would be to grant existing officers the help of a larger number of subordinate officials. Mr. Srinivasa Rao pointed out that the cost could not be much greater than now when a percentage on expenditure is still charged to the Local Fund Budget.

Dewan's reply.—It is only comparatively recently that we have been hearing complaints against the Public Works Department in the Kadur District. We shall get the Chief Engineer to look into this matter most carefully.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Subject No. 29.
Bridge across the river at Tadasa.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. Digby T. Brett urged the importance of an early construction of a bridge across the Bhadra River at Tadasa. The great facility of communication which this would afford would be the means of much of the large areas now lying waste being taken up for cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 30.
Taluk Cutcherry required at Bale-Honnur.

Summary of discussion.—A Taluk Cutcherry should be established at Balé-Honnur. The Deputy Amildar at Yedahalli which is a very unhealthy place may be shifted to Balé-Honnur.

Dewan's reply.—It is doubtful that Balé-Honnur is healthier than Yedahalli. (After conferring with Mr. Sparkes). We will examine the proposal. The Deputy Commissioner has been instructed to investigate and report upon it.

Subject No. 31.
Resident European Medical Officer for Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. Graham Anderson on behalf of both the North and South Mysore Planters' Associations, urged the necessity for the appointment of a resident European Medical Officer in Chikmagalur. An Officer of proved ability, energy and resource, always available to meet the requirements of two such important Districts as Hassan and Kadur, would be of great advantage. The European community was increasing in number. Owing to the great

distances to be travelled and to the numerous difficulties so peculiar to the Malnad, it was also essential that an efficient member of the Medical Staff should always be on duty at dispensaries for the preparation and supply of medicines.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao submitted that it was not necessary that the Medical Officer should be a European. To prescribe a race qualification would be making an invidious distinction. Mr. Atchyuta Rao, while he was in Chikmagalur, and the present Civil Surgeon were all earnestly attentive to the requirements of the European community. Mr. Anderson explained that he did not wish to call in question the abilities of individual officers. But serious cases had occurred and it was found that the highest Medical officer was not available. What Planters wanted was Medical officers of high skill.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for consideration at a suitable opportunity.

Subject No. 32.

Second Class Magisterial powers and power to try cases under Act XIII of 1859 to the Tarikere Amildar.

Summary of discussion.—The Amildar of Tarikere should as a rule be invested with the powers of a Magistrate of the 2nd Class as well as to try cases falling under Act XIII of 1859 as it is very inconvenient to go to Chikmagalur (43 miles) to file these cases.

Dewan's reply.—Yes as far as possible.

Subject No. 33.

Extension of the Birur-Lingadahalli Road.

Summary of discussion.—The extension of Birur-Lingadahalli Road to Kathlekan is very desirable, as it would considerably increase the traffic and be a source of great convenience to the several important coffee estates in the neighbourhood, *viz.*, Tekankan, Sigekan, Dhupadakan, Kurkan Mattikan, Sampigehuttikan, Sampigekan, &c.

The Deputy Commissioner remarked that it was under contemplation to bring the present Bababuddan hill road down the valley to Hebbe and round by Kathlekan by the route proposed.

Dewan's reply.—This is a matter for the Local Fund Board to consider. Some questions about it have come up before Government, and we shall look into the matter.

Subject No. 34.

A road from Tarikere to Hebbegudda.

Summary of discussion.—Hirekathur and other jungles having been reserved by Government, the raiyats and others feel it inconvenient to bring firewood and timber and to visit their coffee estates for want of proper roads. Therefore a road should be opened from Tarikere to Hebbegudda, *viâ* Sasuvehalli jungle, Holerayanahalla, Dhupadakan, Kurkanmatti, Sampigehatti and Sampigekan Estates.

Dewan's reply.—This is a matter for the Local Fund Board to consider.